Finding Middle Ground: Navigating Compromises with Friends in 2014.

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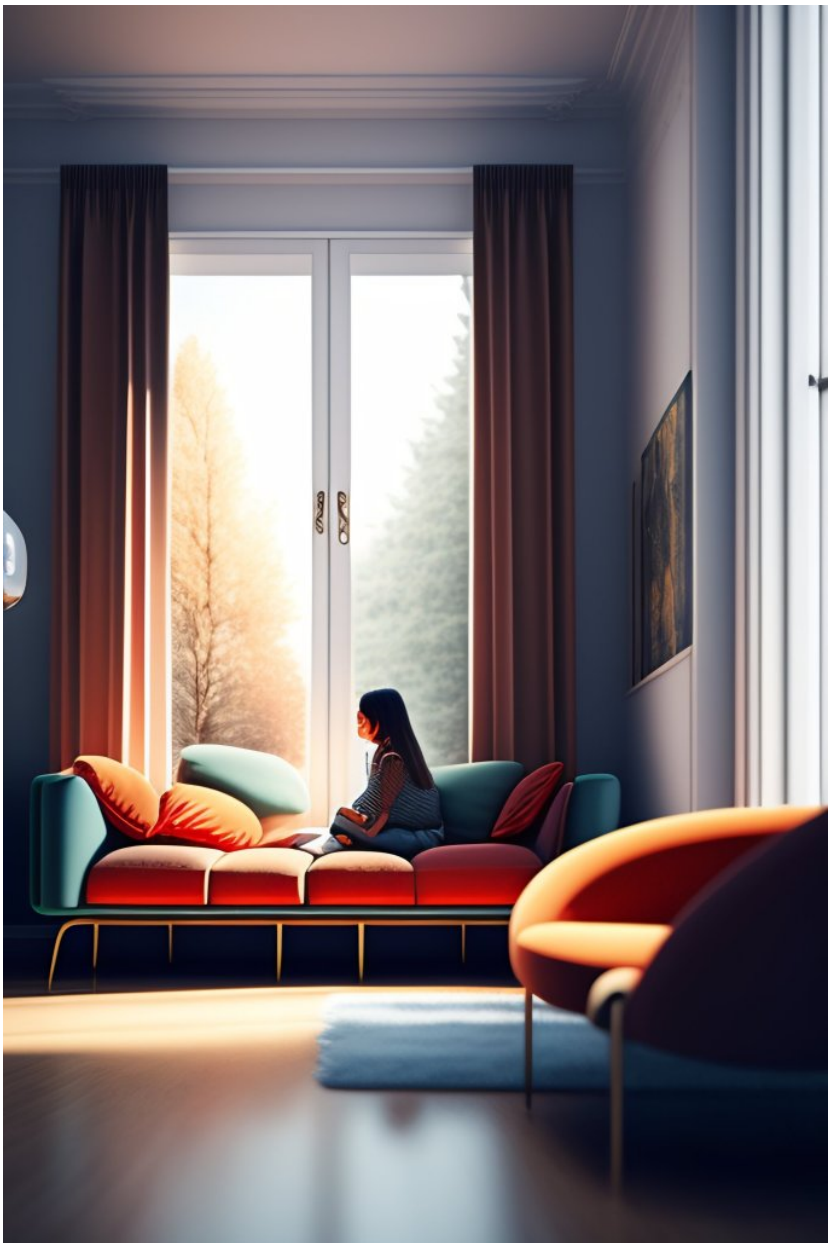

Prici apologized to me through a text message, and I reassured her by saying, “It’s okay, no one can hurt me except for you three” referring to Prici, dii, and Papu. I realized that I may have overreacted, and I no longer felt angry or upset with anyone. The heartache I felt had also subsided. My only desire was for everyone to be themselves, and I wanted to love them all just as I love myself. Papu even confessed her love for me, and I responded by writing “like you sollu” on a piece of paper and passing it to Pradeep through my classmate. However, he simply threw it away. Sai would occasionally say “ish ish” and “342” (code word) to me, which helped bring things back to normal. But I still worried about the possibility of getting hurt again. I felt that it was their responsibility to make me happy, and if I were to get hurt because of them, I would seek retribution. Lastly, I pondered what I should do about Amul Appa and Poulin Amma’s personal problems. Their actions had made me angry and depressed, and I wished I could slap them for it. However, I prayed to God, asking for His help in resolving their personal issues.